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Memorandum

TO : SAC (62-3395)

DATE: July 8, 1965

FROM : Jean B. Hearn, Clerk

SUBJECT: "MINUTEMEN"
Information concerning
(Internal Security).

A national organization headed by ROBERT DEFUGH, Norborne, Missouri.

The following is a summary of the pertinent details found in the New Orleans Office files under captioned organization.

All references listed under the above organization containing data identical or possibly identical with subject organization have been included herein.

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61-87 (12/39). Is file entitled, "THE SILVER SHIRT LEGION OF AMERICA, INC. WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY, ETAL, IS-G SEDITION."

61-87-1 page #46. Is a copy of SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, block stamped 12/4/1939. Page #46 of instant serial reflects in part the following information:

"MINUTEMEN OF 1936

"This organization held a meeting at the Hollenden Hotel in Cleveland, Ohio, under the sponsorship of Miss SUSAN STERLING, of the Association of Leagues, who resided at 16211 Detroit Avenue, Lakewood, Ohio. Dr. DORAN, of Cleveland, is very active in the German-American Bund and also in the instant group. He maintains an office with MARTIN KESSLER, German-American Bund leader in Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. DORAN was also associated with PELLEY's Silver Shirts. This organization is extremely anti-Semitic."

61-87-1 page #55, further reflects in part the following information:

"SILVER SHIRTS OF AMERICA

"This was a WILLIAM DUDLEY PELLEY organization of Asheville, North Carolina, which allegedly operated in San Francisco and, together with the German-American Bund, spread under-cover anti-Semitic dissension in the retail department store strike in San Francisco."

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Harlingen area since 1957 and he had no idea where ROGERS could be found, ROGERS worked for MEDDERS in 1954 and part of 1955 dusting crops in the Republic of Nicaragua. MEDDERS described ROGERS as being unstable, untrustworthy, nervous to the point of having seizures, that he was alcoholic and was too rough on the Company's equipment. MEDDERS said that in Nicaragua pilots were allowed to carry side arms and that ROGERS went armed with a pistol. ROGERS was deported from Nicaragua for taking some shots with his pistol at personnel around a local airport.

"MEDDERS stated that he had formerly known a duster pilot named B. OLSEN who fit the general physical description of SHAND's source. MEDDERS said that OLSEN was even more unstable than ROGERS and had worked in the Harlingen area for several years. MEDDERS stated that OLSEN was in an advanced state of alcoholism, that he lived around Wichita Falls, Texas, and that about six months ago he heard that OLSEN was working in Oklahoma."

105-1057 (Bufile 100-71801). Is file entitled, "ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RM."

105-1057-1025A. Is FD-306 Cover sheet for Informant report, which reflects that received 12/19/63, received ^{from} NO 1223-C (RAC), received by SA DONALD R. BELMONT, original of which is filed in Sub A Section, 137-760, brief description of activity or material: "ROYAL V. YOUNG, SR., Imperial Dragon, OKKKK, to attending meeting night of 12/19/63 in Miss., possibly Gloster, Miss., with dissident members of OKKKK. (FNU) HAWKINS, Secretary-Treasurer of Minute Men, also to be present." Instant Informant report dated 12/19/63, Shreveport, Louisiana, reflects the following information:

"ROYAL V. YOUNG, SR., Imperial Dragon, Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), is leaving at 10AM today, December 19, 1963, to attend a meeting in Mississippi to be held tonight. Location of the meeting is not definite, but YOUNG mentioned the name Gloster, Mississippi. YOUNG is to travel to Monroe, La., and then to Vidalia, La. in his Cadillac. He may pick up JACK FULLER in Monroe. In Vidalia, La., he is to be picked up by a private airplane which he claims will be flown by the chief deputy of the Mississippi State Police, accompanied by a sheriff of one of the Mississippi counties, and they will be flown to the area of the meeting place in Mississippi.

"YOUNG indicated this meeting is to be with persons in Mississippi who pulled out of YOUNG's organization last week, and he will try to bring them back into the organization. YOUNG also indicated he would try to get rid of DOUGLAS BYRD, a leader of the rebellious group in Mississippi, and then place a man named SAMPSON in charge. YOUNG also said the Mississippi people are unhappy with J. D. SWENSON and do not want him to come over there anymore. One reason given for this is that SWENSON has not obtained their klan robes for them yet, although he has already collected their money.

"YOUNG also stated that a man named HAWKINS who is reported to be secretary-treasurer of the Minute Men of the United States, and who lives somewhere in Mississippi, is supposed to be present at this meeting." //

105-1057-1019. Copy of instant serial follows.

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TO : SAC (105-1057)

FROM : SA JACKIE L. ACKLIN

SUBJECT: OKKKK
RM

DATE: 12/19/63

On 9/19/63, NO 1223(c) (RAC), telephonically advised as follows:

He said ROYAL YOUNG is leaving Shreveport, La. at 10:00 a.m., going to Monroe, La. for the purpose of seeing JACK FULLER. From Monroe, he is going to Vidalia, La. and is to be at the Vidalia Airport by 4:00 p.m., where a private plane from Mississippi is to meet him. The head deputy of the MHSP and a high sheriff from some Miss. county are supposed to meet him and fly back to the State of Mississippi for the purpose of conducting a meeting tonight.

They are to have a meeting with HAWKINS tonight for the purpose of trying to get a group that left YOUNG's membership back and for the purpose of trying to get HAWKINS' group, "The Minute Men", to come in with them. The meeting is also held for the purpose of trying to get BYRD.

He said he did not know the name of the town in Mississippi where the meeting was to be held, but thought perhaps it might be in Gloster, Mississippi, but he could not be sure. He advised that he did not know about the type of plane picking YOUNG up or the names of the Deputy policeman or the high sheriff that is supposed to meet him. He stated that the meeting could be held in Clarke County, Miss. He said that YOUNG is supposed to return to Shreveport, La. tomorrow morning and is of the opinion he will drive his own car to Vidalia, La.

A check of the New Orleans files on ROYAL YOUNG indicates YOUNG's car is 1963 Cadillac, light tan, 4-dr. sedan, bearing La. license 390-845. YOUNG also has a white

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